

House Resolution No. 4727

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize Vivian Strank Updyke, who is celebrating seventy-five years as the organist of the United Methodist-Presbyterian Church in Wellsville, where she continues to play to this day; and

Whereas, Vivian Updyke is considered to be the "best organist ever" by the congregation at the United Methodist-Presbyterian Church, where she has played for countless weddings, funerals, and special celebrations; and

Whereas, Vivian Updyke is a talented musician who has willingly and graciously shared her musical ability with young people who wished to learn to play the piano by teaching piano lessons; and

Whereas, Vivian Updyke has also been an active member of her community, playing for the Kiwanis Club's weekly meetings and accompanying cantatas and musicals; and

Whereas, Vivian Updyke has been abundantly blessed with the love and admiration of a wonderful family whose members include her devoted husband, the late Allen Updyke; her three children and their spouses, the late Ronnie Updyke and his wife, Sally, Gerald and Kathy Updyke, and Janice and Kevin O'Loughlin; her identical twin sister, Violet Strank Lehman; and her eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, Vivian Updyke will be honored for her seventy-five years of service to the United Methodist-Presbyterian Church during a special worship service, luncheon, and reception to be held September 16, 2007:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Vivian Updyke at this proud moment of well-deserved distinction; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Vivian Strank Updyke, as a mark of the high esteem in which we hold her.

Offered by _____
Representative Terry L. Witte
District No. 10

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 4727, adopted September 12, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker